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MELAKA PLANS NEW RM3 BILLION PRIVATISED TOWNSHIP

MELAKA, Oct 30 (Bernama) -- A 1,250-hectare site at Tehel and Bemban in the Jasin district will be developed into a new township under a privatisation package, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Abdul Ghani said today.

He said the project, estimated to cost RM3 billion, was approved by the State Executive Council today.

The land, which is now under rubber and oil palm, will be acquired by the state for the Bandar Baru Tehel project that is expected to take 10 years to complete, he told reporters after the council's meeting.

Apart from being developed as a new economic centre, the township will also contain government departments and zones for industries, residential and commercial development, an educational centre, a traditional village, tourism area and a movie-making site.

Mohd Zin also said the Melaka government is prepared to provide a 100-hectare piece of land as the site for the proposed bridge to link the peninsula with Sumatra in Indonesia.

He said the site could house a customs and immigration complex.

"We have done an initial study on the bridge possibility and found that the state in the peninsula closest to Sumatra is Melaka," he said.

Malaysia and Indonesia agreed to study the feasibility of building a bridge during a recent meeting in Kuala Lumpur between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and President Suharto.

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